covered earlier due to the ceilling of 15.33 per cent; and

(c) if so, what is the requirement of foodgrains to cover one crore additional families estimated under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) The question of extending the scope of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) as part of the initiative towards providing support and food security to the most vulnerable sections such as old people, widows and disabled persons, without family or societal support, is receiving attention.

Food security

†966. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrains security is a bigger danger than the population growth; and

(b) if so, the details as well as the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) There is no danger to the foodgrains security from the population growth.

Essential Commodities for H.P.

967. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice, kerosene and sugar allotted to Himachal Pradesh, district-wise, during 2000-01, 2001-02 and for ten months from April, 2002 to January, 2003 for distribution through Public Distribution System;

(b) whether Government have effected any change in the policy of distribution of wheat, rice, kerosene and sugar through the PDS during the above period in the State; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) the quantity of wheat, rice, kerosene and sugar allotted to Himachal Pradesh during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and for ten months from April 2002 to January 2003 for distribution through Public Distribution System is given in the statement enclosed (*see* below). District-wise allocation and distribution is made by the State Goverment of Himachal Pradesh and this information is not maintained by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) There has been no policy change with regard to distribution of wheat, rice and kerosene through PDS specific only to H.P.

Statement

Quantity of wheat, rice, kerosene and sugar allotted to Himachal Pradesh for distribution through PDS

(Fig. in Tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of the commodity	Allocation during		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 (upto Jan, 03)
1.	wheat	1,06,753	1,22,124	1,74,594
2.	Rice	98,690	2,50,887	2,75,691
3.	Kerosene	61,434	59,690	47,090
4.	Sugar	54,060	57,592	48,196

Pesticides in bottled water

968. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled 'Pesticides in bottled water' appearing in the 'Times of India', dated the 5th February, 2003;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard togetherwith the number of the licensees and quantity of bottles produced and consumed in India;